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***Reissue Applications***

***¶ 14.21.01 Improper Amendment To Reissue - 37 CFR 1.173(b)***

The amendment filed 4/14/2009 proposes amendments to claims 1, 7, 8, 10-12, 84-120 that do not comply with 37CFR 1.173(b), which sets forth the manner of making amendments in reissue applications. A supplemental paper correctly amending the reissue application is required.

*37 CFR 1.173. Reissue specification, drawings, and amendments.*

*(2) Claims . An amendment paper must include the entire text of each claim being changed by such amendment paper and of each claim being added by such amendment paper. For any claim changed by the amendment paper, a parenthetical expression "amended, " "twice amended, " etc., should follow the claim number. Each changed patent claim and each added claim must include markings pursuant to paragraph (d) and (g) of this section, except that a patent claim or added claim should*

*be canceled by a statement canceling the claim without presentation of the text of the claim.*

*(d) Changes shown by markings . Any changes relative to the patent being reissued which are made to the specification, including the claims, upon filing, or by an amendment paper in the reissue application, must include the following markings:*

*(1) The matter to be omitted by reissue must be enclosed in brackets; and*

*(2) The matter to be added by reissue must be underlined, except for amendments submitted on compact discs ( §§ 1.96 and 1.821(c)). Matter added by reissue on compact discs must*

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*(f) Amendment of disclosure may be required. The disclosure must be amended, when required by the Office, to correct inaccuracies of description and definition, and to secure substantial correspondence between the claims, the remainder of the specification, and the drawings.*

*(g) Amendments made relative to the patent. All amendments must be made relative to the patent specification, including the claims, and drawings, which are in effect as of the date of filing of the reissue application.*

#### **¶ 14.20.01 Amendments To Reissue-37 CFR 1.173(b)**

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***Conclusion***

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